8/3/71

Dear Bill,

Many thanks for your flattering 7/28 comments, the deposition and Art's stories.

I'm trying hard to get what I regard as my most serious material on paper, so I read other things in between. Didn't get to read the deposition, which came yesterday, until this a.m., when I was cooling off after a brisk walk, something I try to do every a.m. right after breakfast, before returning to writing. The older you get, the more important it becomes.

That is good stuff. Say, for what I think is an effort to hide part of his own complicity, that is, make it appear that he was more reluctant than he may have been, I think it is probably accurate. I presume that with his greater knowledge, Art will have expanded in his stories, enclosed, but I've not yet had a chance to read. Will soon.

I have several immediate purposes in writing, aside from thanking.

As is inevitable and no reflection on lawyers, on p. 27, to line 17, they cut him off on what can be a very productive line, what did happ en in Baton Rouge, as they well refer to after the conviction in Tenn. If there is a chance, it should be explored. He worked rather closely with DJ there, esp., as I recall, Mike Epstein. If he did not have a more recent period in mind, he should be asked about it beginning about 4/68, when they were working with him, then and earlier, and more about Sheridan, with whom we saw them also working rather closely, I am sure. Frankly, I do not think that Sheridan was into what he was into on behalf of NBC.

I think there is enough in what I have read to make a novel approach for more, much more, possible. If you have time to stop off on your way back and either come here (I am an hour from any of the three, two in DC, one Balt) or to lay over there, I'd go meet and we could discuss. There is a little-used very good law I have been working with, and just beginning to get a grasp of its potential. And if you can't, okay, I know you have many things to do. But it will have to wait until we are together somewhere, because I'm not going to let anyone else try and pass an understanding on to you. What as we have a nice pool, the mountain is good for walking, two good motels nearby (our accommodations probably not to your taste), and you might want to take a look at Ft. Detrick, which is 5 minutes away for a classic example of terrible waste.

Couldn't agree more with your estimate Nixon administration. His own appointees are terrible and the holdovers from the RFK days in Justice still pass up the same misinformation, in which they have a vested interest.

Best regards,